

TAFT INSURGES
IN LATEST MOVEPolitics Stirring Over His
Elimination Policy.

OTHER CHANGES SEEN

Part Hitchcock Will Play Is a
Problem.

Activity of Past Few Days at Beverly Taken to Mean President and His New Advisers Are Planning to Thwart What Appears to Them the Possibility of Defeat Due to the Action of the Insurgents.

Beverly, Aug. 13.—No move in the political game in many months has caused more comment among politicians who come to Beverly than was forthcoming to-day over the apparently authentic prognostications that the administration has begun to clear ship for action in the fall elections.

The news that Secretary of the Interior R. A. Ballinger will retire from the Cabinet probably about September 15; that Senator Nelson W. Aldrich, of Rhode Island, has assured the President that he will keep his word and not seek the toga again, and the prediction that "Uncle Joe" Cannon will not again be a candidate for Speaker of the House of Representatives, were topics so absorbing that politicians here talked to-day of little else.

To the Executive offices, too, came inquiries as to the reliability of the dispatches sent from Beverly concerning the retirement of Mr. Ballinger, the withdrawal from public life of Mr. Aldrich and the elimination of Speaker Cannon. The President himself, so far as could be learned, said nothing at all about these reports. The Executive offices said nothing. Both the President and Secretary Norton are waiting to see how the news will be received.

"FINE POLITICAL PLAY." According to several friends of the administration who happened to be in Beverly to-day, the President's political advisers, who are said to be Senator W. Murray Crane, of Massachusetts, and Secretary Norton have never conceived a bolder plan, nor one that meant more for Republican success next fall if it turns out right. "It's fine politics," said one man to-day, "if it only wins out."

The determination of the new leaders, Senator Crane and Mr. Norton, with possibly Postmaster General Frank H. Hitchcock a good third, to clear the skirts of the administration for the final struggle was made weeks ago. It came because they felt that Mr. Taft himself would never make a move to rid his administration of these so-called "burdens."

They know his dislike of politics, and assumed the responsibility themselves for outlining a programme that might win in the coming campaign. Mr. Crane has been closer to Mr. Taft than perhaps any member of the Senate, and has his absolute confidence. He has been frequently termed a disinterested politician who works for party success and without much thought of his own. Since Mr. Norton became Secretary to the President he has grown into the regard and affection of the President until the latter has said that he would not know what to do without Mr. Norton.

Planned at Beverly. The effort to get Ballinger to retire was planned in Beverly, and Senator Crane and Mr. Norton are said to have much to do with it. Mr. Crane went West to suggest the retirement of Mr. Ballinger, and there is no reason to believe that he was unsuccessful. In fact, it is generally understood here that the leaders are confident that Ballinger will quit the Cabinet shortly after the Congressional investigating committee reports, early in September.

It was pointed out to Mr. Ballinger that he had spent more than \$20,000 in the conduct of his defense, that he could not hope to regain popular favor in a Cabinet position, and that he was hurrying the party by remaining in office longer. He was not so obtuse as reports would indicate.

With Mr. Ballinger's retirement practically assured, attention was turned to Senator Aldrich and to Speaker Cannon, whose names are anathema throughout the Middle West. Aldrich announced from Washington ten months ago that he would lay down his work as Senator when his present term expired on March 4, 1911. The West apparently did not believe that announcement. Insurgent lead-

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PROMINENT IN N. A. A. O. REGATTA ON THE CLASSIC POTOMAC.



SENIOR VESPER CREW OF PHILADELPHIA.



ARUNDEL'S OF BALTIMORE.

FRENCH AVIATORS
FIGHT WITH GALEMile-a-minute Storm Checks
Prize Race.

FOURTH STAGE NOT RUN

Most Difficult of Circuit Owing
to the Woods.

Legagneux Forced to Descend After
Vain Struggle, Mamet Falls, and
Aubrun and Leblanc Travel Some
Distance Meeting with Blinding
Rain and Wind Which Gives Them
a Desperate Encounter.

Mezieres, France, Aug. 12.—The fourth stage of the aeroplane race for the prize of \$20,000 offered by Le Matin, of Paris, which was to start here to-day, was delayed on account of the heavy weather. A west wind was blowing at the rate of about a mile a minute into the teeth of the aviators, and telegraph posts were blown down.

This is the most difficult leg of the circuit race, owing to the numerous woods and valleys between here and the next stopping place. The difficulty was made more serious owing to the high wind.

Forced to Come Down. Legagneux, who was compelled to abandon his attempt for the third stage, braved the weather and ascended at 7:30 o'clock. He struggled vainly against adverse conditions and was forced to descend at 8:30 o'clock, after he had completed a flight of twenty miles.

Mamet, who started with the others on Sunday, but who failed to make the second section of the race, also started. He ascended at 7:20 o'clock, but was forced to the ground after he had gone five miles less than Legagneux.

Later, when the wind abated somewhat, Leblanc and Aubrun, the two leaders in the contest, brought out their machines in order to tune up for the trip. Leblanc ascended at 3:55 o'clock in the afternoon. Aubrun followed at 4:05 o'clock.

Aubrun Reached Douai. Aubrun reached Douai at 6:45 o'clock this evening. It took him two hours and forty minutes to make the trip. Leblanc, who started at 3:55, arrived at 6:55. His elapsed time was three hours.

Both the aviators were exhausted when they arrived, owing to the high winds which they had to struggle against.

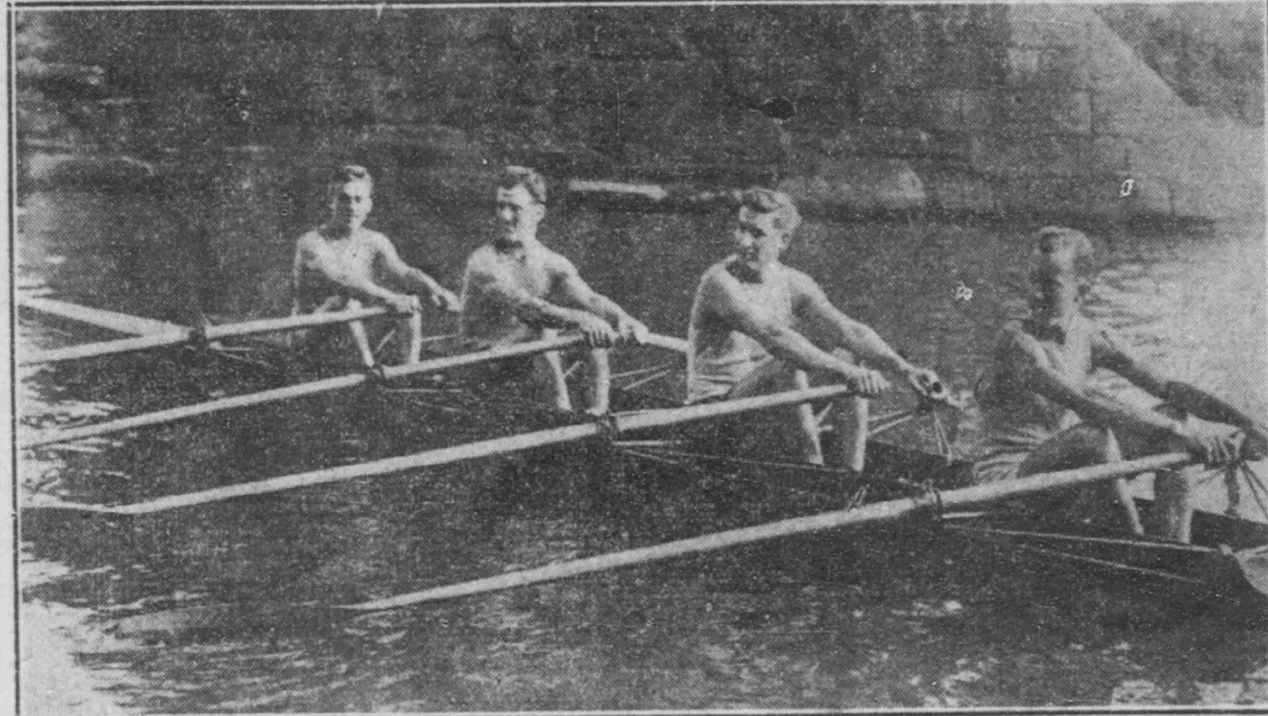
Both men describe the fight with the tempest as terrible. Leblanc's spectacles were blown off and he was so blinded by the driving rain that he was compelled to alight. Once he lost his map, and the conditions were such that his compass became useless. The conditions of the race required that five competitors must start before 5:30 o'clock in the morning and reach their destination before 7:30 o'clock. Otherwise the prize would be withheld.

Legagneux restarted when he saw Mamet on the ground. He joined him and they lunched together, starting afterward, but neither was able to reach Douai.

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**FRENCH AEROPLANES
CARRY ARMY ORDERS.**
Paris, Aug. 12.—Concurrently with Le Matin's race around the eastern circuit, French army officers have been making numerous flights around Nancy under service conditions; that is, with a lookout officer on board of each aeroplane, in addition to a pilot, and flying from place to place, according to orders. Eight officers performed these exercises. They used the Wright, Farman, and Sommer machines, all of which were biplanes.

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NASSAU BOAT CLUB OF NEW YORK.

SON DISCUSSES
MAYOR'S SHOOTINGSays He Could Not Bear the
Sight of Gallagher.

New York, Aug. 12.—"I haven't seen Gallagher. I don't want to see him. I am afraid to see him. I don't know what I would do if I should see him."

This was what Rufus Gaynor, the young son of Mayor Gaynor, said at St. Mary's Hospital, Hoboken, when he was asked to-day what he knew about the man who had tried to kill his father. The young man seemed to meep. He has a good deal of the character and determination of his father, with the fire of youth added to urge him on. So those who heard him make the statement thought it was just as well that he did not make a look at the assassin.

"What do you think of Gallagher's sanity?" he was asked.

"The man seems to be insane," was the answer.

Then he was asked where his father would be taken for his confinement in case he improved so much that he could be removed to a quieter place.

"Well, we won't take him to St. James," he answered. "We have made arrangements to remove him to a camp in the Adirondacks, a camp that has been offered to him."

"I am sorry that father didn't have a bodyguard when he went on the liner," continued the young man. Hereafter he must have a guard whether he wants one or not. I shall go to Police Commissioner Baker and insist on this. When he started off he was tired and weary from work. His face was pale and he needed rest. But he has a better color now than before he was shot. The rest here has done him much good."

He remarked that he would not be a witness at the trial of Gallagher, because he had not seen the shooting, and he volunteered the statement that his father would not be a fitness. But whether or not there has been a decision on this latter point is doubtful. Secretary Adams yesterday told the newspaper men that the name of the assassin had not even been mentioned to the mayor.

"I was on the other side of the steamship when I heard the shots," said the young man. "When I ran around I heard Commissioner Edwards say to Ralph Bloomer, 'Push his face around; he is biting me.' But I didn't get a look at Gallagher. Nor do I want to see him."

WILL PROSECUTE PIER CROWD.
Gov. Potthier Promises State Aid in
Gambling Case.

Narragansett Pier, R. I., Aug. 12.—Additional interest is lent to the coming court session of the gambling raid here by a statement of Gov. Potthier that the State will pay the fees of an attorney to prosecute gamblers. The Constable, John G. Cross, who led the raid on the Narragansett Club here last Sunday morning, wrote to the governor saying that he had evidence that there was gross violation of gambling laws at this resort, and asking for financial support. After a conference with William B. Greenough, attorney-general, Gov. Potthier replied that he would pay from the governor's criminal fund the fees of an attorney to prosecute the cases, the lawyer to be selected by the attorney-general.

The case will come up in the District Court at Wakefield, on August 22.

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WEATHER FORECAST

For the District of Columbia
and Maryland—Partly cloudy to-
day; showers and slightly cooler to-
night or to-morrow; light variable
winds.

FAMINE AFTER FLOOD.

Thousands Suffer in Japan as Dan-
ger Increases.

Tokyo, Aug. 12.—The waters of the River Sumida are still rising, and the Honjo and Fukudawa wards of Tokyo are almost completely submerged. Tens of thousands are homeless and starving. One of the three more important embankments guarding Tokyo has broken. Should the second and third dikes break, half the capital would be submerged. The threatened embankments are guarded by troops. At 6 p. m. the steady rise of the water was still apparent. Owing to inundation of its buildings the Fukudawa gas and electric lights are failing.

NEW COMET SEEN.

Faint Tail Detected at Two Big Ob-
servatories.

Cambridge, Mass., Aug. 12.—A faint tail, between one and one-half and two minutes long, has been discovered on what is now known as Metcalf's comet, discovered early this week by the Rev. Joel H. Metcalf, of Taunton. Further observations have been made in Cambridge, and the comet has been observed through the small telescope at Lick Observatory. The following statement was issued at the Harvard Observatory to-day:

"A telegram has been received at this observatory from Prof. W. W. Campbell, director of the Lick Observatory, stating that Metcalf's comet was observed by Mr. Young on August 10, 7:37:0. Greenwich mean time, in the following position: Right ascension, 16 hours 10 minutes 25.5 seconds; declination, plus, 14 degrees 55 minutes 45 seconds. Visible in a small telescope."

COMMITTS SUICIDE AT LAST.

In Three Months Insane Woman Had
Made Five Vain Attempts.

Chicago, Aug. 12.—Having been prevented five times by attendants of the Illinois State Asylum for the Insane from committing suicide, Mrs. Mary C. McArdle yesterday eluded her guards and hanged herself in her room at the asylum. During the three months she was at the asylum Mrs. McArdle tried to cut her throat with a razor once, three times she tried to drown herself, and once before she tried to commit suicide by hanging.

LAND FRAUDS IN OREGON.

Arrests Made on Charges of Swind-
ling in Claims.

Joplin, Mo., Aug. 12.—E. E. Bartlett, an attorney; Fred Smith, of Oregon, Mo., and James Dutton, a merchant, were arrested yesterday on charge of conspiracy to defraud. It is charged that they were accomplices of W. Newell, arrested a week ago at Claremore, Okla., in inducing other men to pay \$14 as a filing fee on homestead lands in Oregon. These lands Newell, it is charged, as manager of a land company, fraudulently agreed to buy at once at \$200 a claim.

Fifty persons in Oregon, Mo., have complained that they were victimized. Government agents say several hundred victims are scattered through Missouri, Kansas, and Oklahoma. Bartlett, Dutton, and Smith say they, too, were Newell's victims.

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BULLET TO REMAIN
IN GAYNOR'S NECKOperation Deemed Needless
in View of Rally.

New York, Aug. 12.—Physicians attending Mayor Gaynor, at St. Mary's Hospital, Hoboken, said to-day that he was stronger than he had been at any time since he was shot down last Tuesday morning, and that every symptom was one characteristic of unbroken progress toward recovery.

Robert Adamson, the mayor's private secretary, said that the mayor had suffered to-day, as on Friday, with a dry, racking cough. The attending physicians had been having constant recourse to the use of the benzoin atomizer to relieve this cough, Mr. Adamson added.

"The mayor's cough has improved 100 per cent since yesterday," said Dr. W. J. Arlitz. "It was due to the irritation in his throat, caused by the wound. It had no special significance."

One statement Adamson made to-day has a significant bearing on the question of the location of the bullet in the mayor's throat, and the absence of necessity for an operation at the present time. Quoting one of the three specialists who are daily in consultation on the mayor's case, Mr. Adamson said:

"This gentleman gave it as his opinion that the age of minuscules has passed, at least, not in surgery. Not once in 500 times, he said, could a bullet have entered the neck where it did in this case and lodged where it did, having missed all of the vital and dangerous spots. The course of the bullet which tore through Mayor Gaynor's neck was little less than providential."

The physicians reiterated to-day their opinion that there was no immediate necessity of an operation for the removal of the bullet from the vault of the pharynx. They said that to perform such an operation now, simple as it might be, comparatively, would be but a useless aggravation of the mayor's condition. No time has been set for an operation, they added, and at the present time move was not under consideration.

No chances of a delay in operating if an immediate necessity should arise are allowed to be present in the physicians' hospital arrangements.

TAFT COMPENSATES ITALIAN.

President Sends Auto Victim on Eu-
ropean Vacation.

Beverly, Aug. 12.—Michael Angelo de Gregorio, the Italian laborer, who was struck several weeks ago by an automobile driven by Robert Taft, son of the President, will have other reasons to remember the land of his adoption than the broken head he suffered in that affair with the Presidential motor car. According to the executive offices, he is now on his way to Italy with \$500 and expense money and the ticket were thrown in for good measure.

"Jim" Riley Better.

Indianapolis, Aug. 12.—The condition of James Whitcomb Riley, who suffered a stroke of paralysis three weeks ago, has improved to-day, and hopes of his ultimate recovery are growing, though friends still fear a second stroke. Dr. Carleton McCulloch says the patient's condition is not alarming.

FILLING PRISONS IN HONDURAS

Rumors of Wholesale Arrests in
Connection with Recent Revolt.

New Orleans, Aug. 12.—It is reported here that scores of prisoners have been thrown into Honduras prisons on account of their alleged complicity in the recent revolt there. Rumors here are that President Davila has issued a statement, declaring that insurrectionary movements have been completely quelled. It is said that wholesale arrests of alleged leaders in the movement against the government are being made.

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from Cream of Aquatic World,
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Just as the dusk was stealing
over a day that had been most
beautiful for the purpose, the
greatest regatta that the National
Capital has ever known came to an
end yesterday.

Never before was the fitness
of the Potomac River course bet-
ter exemplified than it was in this
last day's racing. The way that
every event was handled; the vast
concourse of spectators who viewed
the contests from every viewpoint
from start to finish; the clear
course, broad and smooth; the per-
fect weather, and the admirable ar-
rangements—all showed that for
the purposes of such fine contests,
settling the championship of North
America, no course in the country
is more admirably equipped than
that which saw the thirty-eighth an-
nual championship won—and lost!

It is not likely that the Potomac
River—on that fair stretch of
water that lies between Georgetown
and the Highway Bridge—ever was
so thickly populated before.
Hundreds of canoes were out, lin-
ing the Virginia side of the broad
course, while on the District side
it is estimated that fully 50,000 per-
sons lined the slope and packed the
Highway Bridge, while hundreds
of automobiles and other vehicles
raced along the Speedway, follow-
ing the course of the gallant cars-
men.

DECIDED BY SECOND.

And those who turned out to watch
the contests of the last day of the regatta
saw boat races of a class that many
of them will never see again. They saw
the closest single-scull race that has
ever been rowed, when just one second
of time separated the winner, William
Mehrhof, of the Nassau Boat Club, New
York, from the only contender, Fred
Shepherd, of the Harlem Rowing Club.

It was a race to set the blood tingling
with enthusiasm; a race whose result
was in doubt until the judges' boat came
around and megaphoned the news that
the winner had won by just one second
over a mile and a quarter course.

But this race, wonderful as it was,
lacked, perhaps, some of the interest
of the big race of the afternoon, the
senior eight-oared shells, in which the
United States yielded the championship to
Canada. This, too, was a race.

The shells were off promptly at 6
o'clock to a perfect start. For the first
twenty seconds the alignment of the four
crews was almost perfect, and it was
only by an almost imperceptible dis-
tance that the Vespers were leading at
the quarter. At that time the Ottawas
were in third place—veteran oarsmen
all—rowing a slow but perfectly steady
stroke, hardly more than thirty-seven to
the minute, but there was beef behind
every stroke, and they maintained the
position they held, steadily and without
apparent effort.

Potomacs Finish Last.
The Potomacs, to whom local pride
was attached, were already at the quar-
ter half a length to the bad and they
never bettered their position. Along the
District bank of the river cheer after
cheer went up in the hope of heartening
the Washington crew, but try as they
would—and they rowed a gallant race—they
could not get within reach of the
boats ahead, and already the Ottawas
were showing clear daylight between
their boat, and the second, hardly seem-
ing to spurt at all, but sending their
shell forward, ever forward, by good,
clean rowing, oars with a deep grip of
the water and a stroke that defied those
behind to get within reach.

Much as the sympathies of the im-
mense crowd were with the home talent,
the Potomacs, cheers could not be de-

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